you arrive here and after consulting our committee will decide on the best course, We must have you and that is enough — I was sorry to have you send the $ but as I expect to have an opportunity to return it will wait until I see you.

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Rev Amos A Phelps

Farmington Conn

We send you the ~~[illegible]~~ expressions of of our high esteem and Christian affection also to Mrs Phelps.
Please write Me as soon as you get this and let us know if we may hope to see you next week
A thousand things ought to be done before New Year in regard to the Spectator — Please excuse this endless epistle from your Sincere & Devoted Friend J C Fuller

PS You will see that I have given you darkest side of the picture — I think the Doc has given up his opposition and will be your cordial Friend.

Tuesday Evening came and a full meeting assembled but the Dea did not come until late ~~an~~ nomination was made for chairman and as no one could be found willing I was constrained to take the Chair. Mr B. care Come up and he being found a Free Mason it was soon found he would not answer for the Free Church and was laid by quietly After some unimportant Items being disposed of I gave the Chair to Brother Frost and made a motion which after a short time was passed unanimously being seconded by Dea Gulliver, which before this is before you. My object in this was if possible to harmonize and allay the feelings already much excited in opposition and am sure that we shall not part with you although our time for engaging you is little better than none - You never had more warm friends than now in Boston, and My dear Sir let nothing hinder you from coming to Boston as Soon as Possible As the fate of the Free Church and the triumph of our principles depend on your decision - We are not limited in regard to your compensation & I think you will not find us ungenerous. If Possible come next week and bring your family In regard to the N E S Association we shall go on as about sixty shares are taken. - A Committee of five were chosen to send for you even if the French had not called you they will probably defer ~~their~~ communication until

remarks relating to the notices on the Sab'a day ~~notices~~
and seemed to attempt to show that you did not read the Notices
he had intended to have read - I immediately called for the
reading of both notices then in his hand - he read them
I then gave the explanation and all saw at once very clear-
ly that reading both notices would be nearly a repetition
I then made some remarks stating my determination
to stand by and hoped that nothing would be done to
mar ~~the year~~ the good fellowship of our feeble Church
that I was not satisfied for one that the Committee
for supplying the Pulpit had done their duty and gave
notice that on Tuesday evening I should call for their
report. This seemed to raise the unhallowed feelings
of our Zealous Chairman and 2 or three times he
attempted to put me down by declaring me out of
order. I appealed to the Church and proceeded until I
had finished my remarks. - This attempt to put down
about finished his opposition making him quite
ashamed as he confessed before he left - He confessed
to several ~~of~~ the Brethren that he was ashamed of
his treatment to me. After this an effort was made
Electioneer
to electioneer for Rev M Bouton of Concord and some were
quite encouraged to believe that he could be elected but
to their sad disapointment at the moment they were
hopes were highest - they found out that he had an
Entered Apprentices Profane Oath Hitched to Him
Which quite discouraged the most Sanguine

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Boston Thursday
Evening Dec 17 - 1835

John E. Fuller.

Rev and very dear Sir

Feeling a strong desire to communicate as briefly as possibly I attempt to give you such information as you may desire to possess in relation to the movements of the Free Church since you left -- The Tuesday evening after you left I had intended to have been present — and brought the subject of the conduct of our committee for supplying the Pulpit fairly before the Chh but was prevented by indisposition. and nothing was done but talk - Br Gulliver, Porter and a few of not much influence seemed desirous of diverting the minds of your true friends from their determination to persevere ~~but~~ to no effect an expression of opinion was called for and two thirds of all present were found to persevere in electing you Pastor Notwithstanding they were repeatedly assured that you would not ~~ex~~ accept ~~the~~ if elected - The evening was thrown away and nothing done but adjourn for one week. At our Friday evening I was present and after our devotional exercises Dea G made some

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